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1. WE HAD SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM FOREIGN DELEGATIONS AS TO WHETHER TALKS ARE UNDER WAY TO REACH A COMPROMISE BETWEEN EC AND US POSITIONS CONCERNING THE RULE OF THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP.

2. UK DELEGATION SOURCES TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO SOFTEN THE EC POSITION. HOWEVER, THEY NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THE U.S. POSITION HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED OR WHETHER IT WILL BE MORE FLEXIBLE, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WORK OF THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP AND THAT OF OTHER GROUPS ON FUNCTIONAL ISSUES.

3. UK SOURCES ALSO POINTED OUT TO US THAT THE PERMREPS WILL BE MEETING ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY IN BRUSSELS. THEY SAID THE US POSITION SHOULD BE KNOWN BY THIS TIME BECAUSE

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THIS MEETING WOULD AFFORD THE LAST OCCASION BEFORE APRIL 15

TO MODIFY THE EC POSITION.

4. SHOULD USG CONSIDER POSTPONING APRIL 15 AGRICULTURAL MEETING, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL BE SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS. WITHOUT SUCH SUPPORT IMPRESSION PREVAILING AMONG SOME FOREIGN DELEGATIONS, THAT US DOES NOT WISH TO NEGOTIATE, WOULD BE STRENGTHENED. MCNAMARA

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